

Tutorial on My Assignment: Creating Music

1. Look up the lyrics to a song that you really enjoy listening to. For me, I am going to use Darius Rucker's "If I had Wings."
2. Listen to the song again to pay attention to the detail.
3. After you have some concrete images in your mind. You will be creating an image that captures something that was powerful to you in that song.
4. For this assignment, make sure that you insert the actual lyrics in your blog post. I will put mine here.

If I Had Wings lyrics

Why do we hate
Why do we suffer
Why do we make our mistakes
and constantly blame one another
Why is there war
and why is there killing
Have we forgotten some secret we knew
back when we were just children

If I had wings
I'd fly up to heaven
I'd look down from the clouds
on everything
And then I would find
all the things we've been missing
I would have all the answers
If I had wings

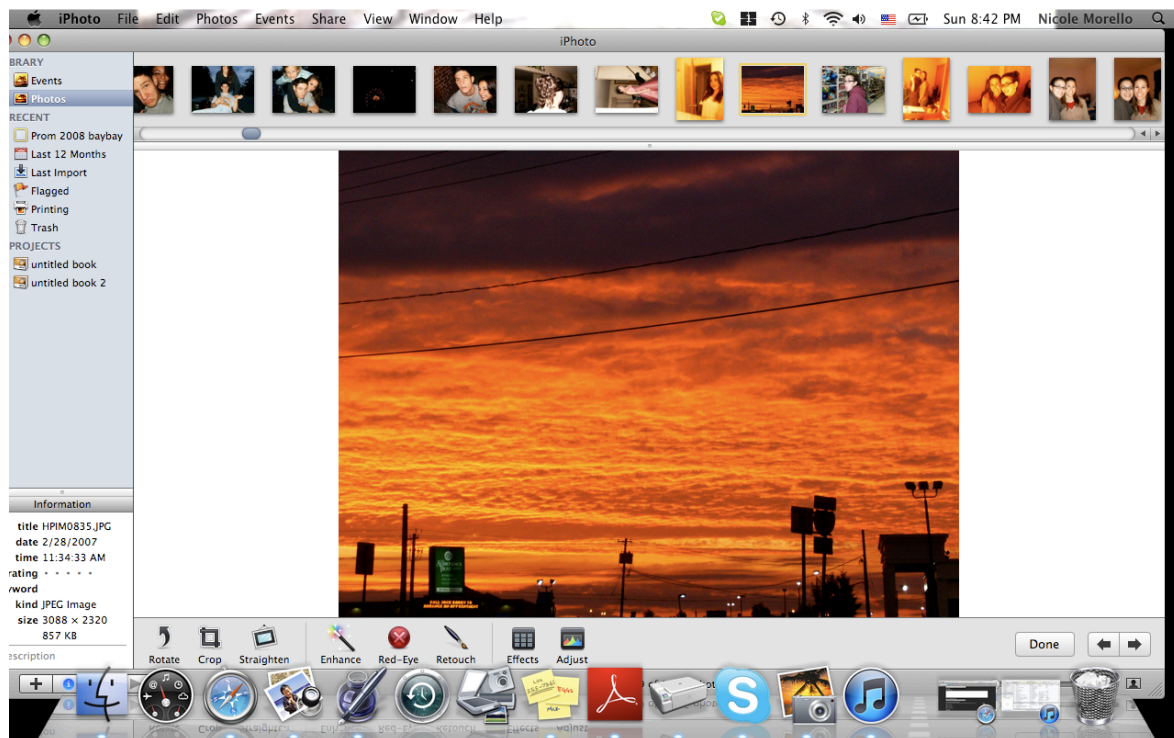
Like why am I here
And where did I come from
And where will I go
when my time here on this Earth is done
And what will I leave
that will go on forever oh no
and what can I do while I'm here
to make someones life better

If I had wings
I'd fly up to heaven
I'd look down from the clouds
on everything

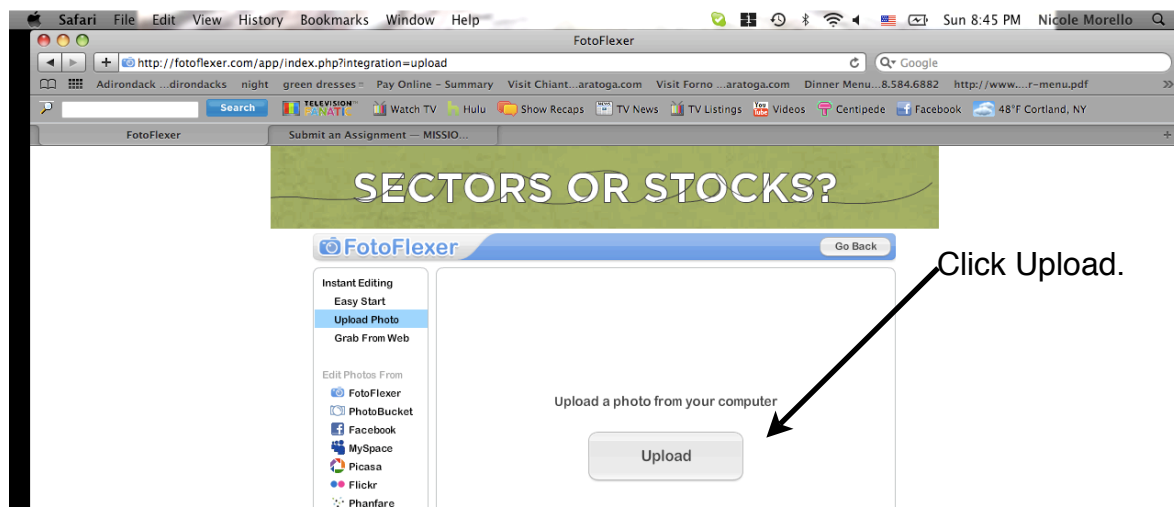
and then I could find
all the things we've been missing
I would have all the answers
If I had wings

Ohhh
If I had wings
I would fly up to heaven
I would have all the answers
If I had wings

5. Pick a picture as the background or pain image that displays what this song means to you. Here is the picture I will be working with:

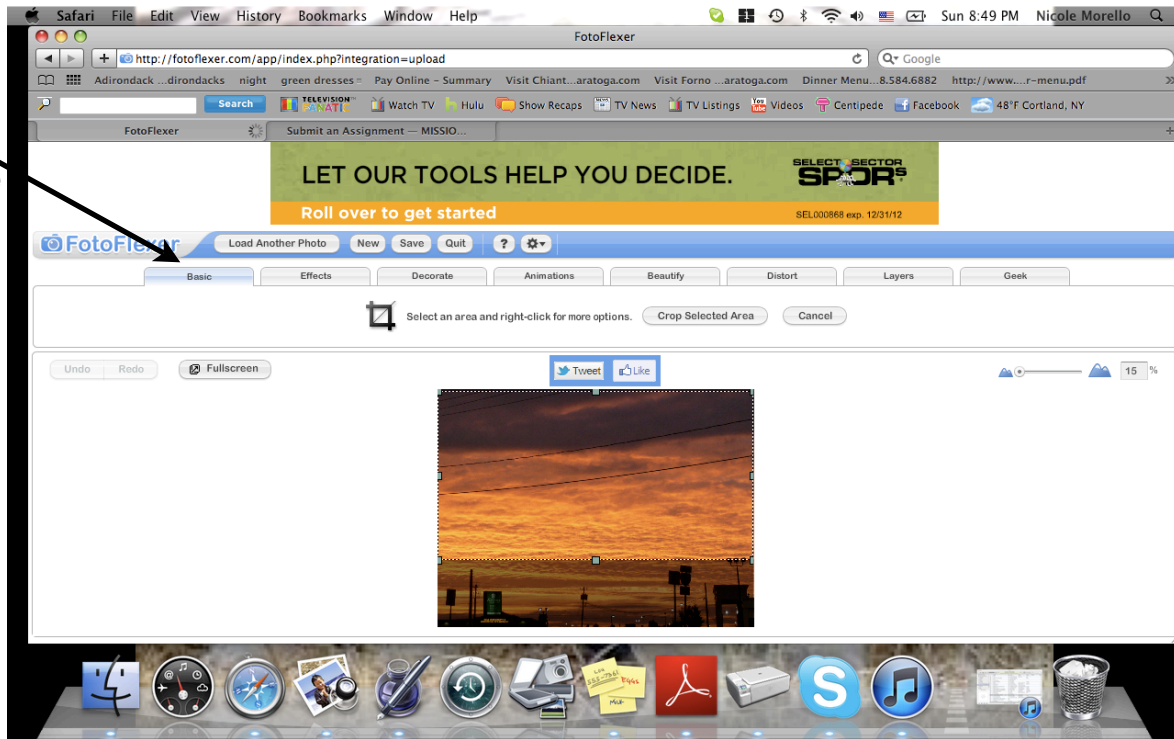


6. You will need to download this to fotoflexer.com.

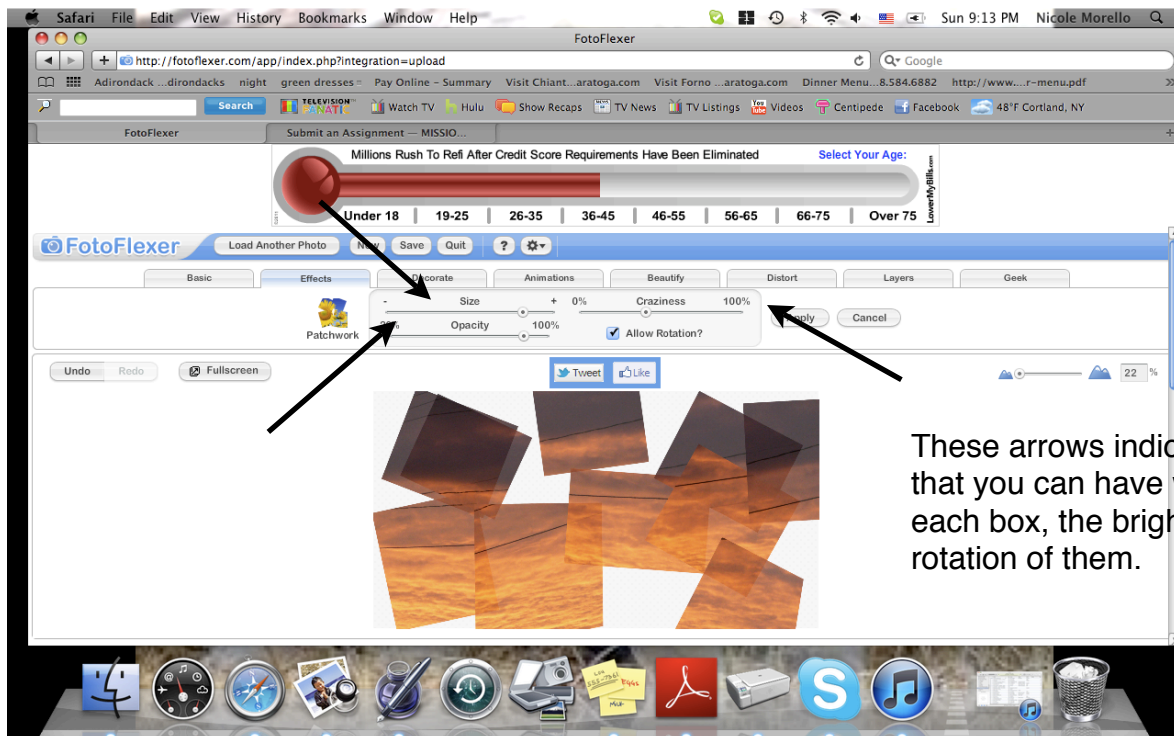


7. I want to crop the signs out of this image to focus on the painted sky. So under the initial page, I hit crop and then drag the box over what portion I want for my photo.

The crop button will be under basic.

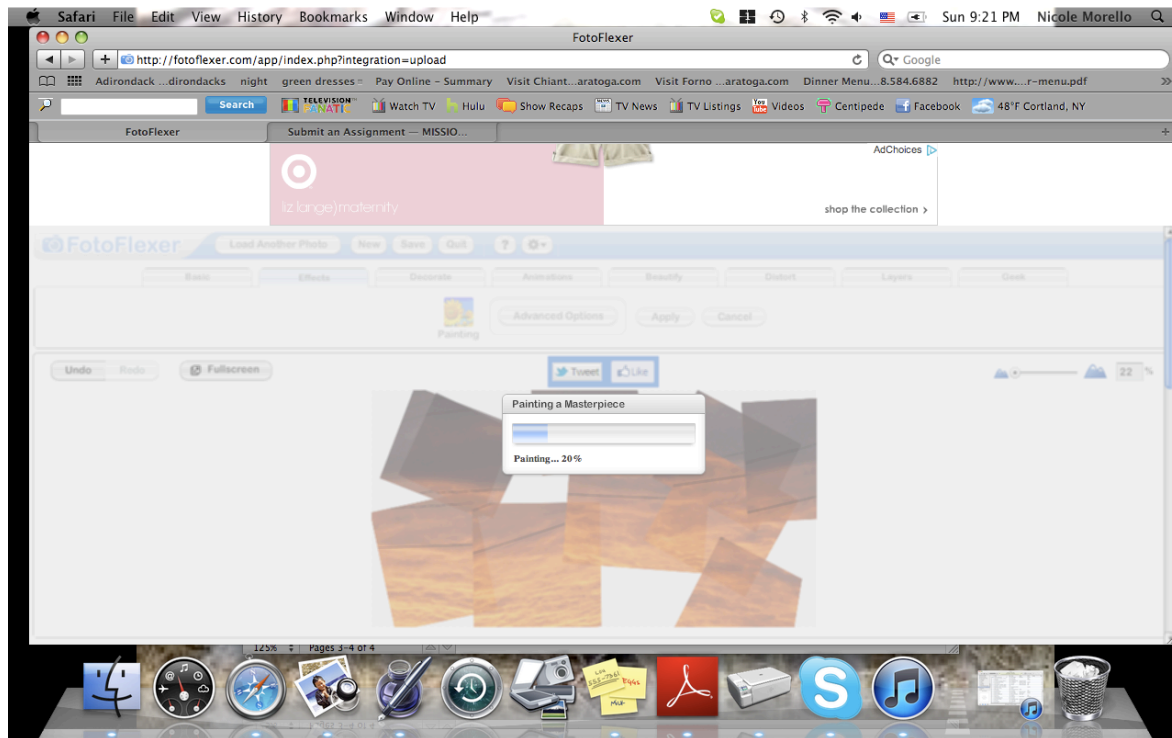


8. Once you have cropped out the section you want, click on the effects button. The way that I will be creating my photo may not be the way you will. But you should play around with the effects until the image that really captures what you want to portray is revealed. For me I will be using "Patchwork." Here is the effect:

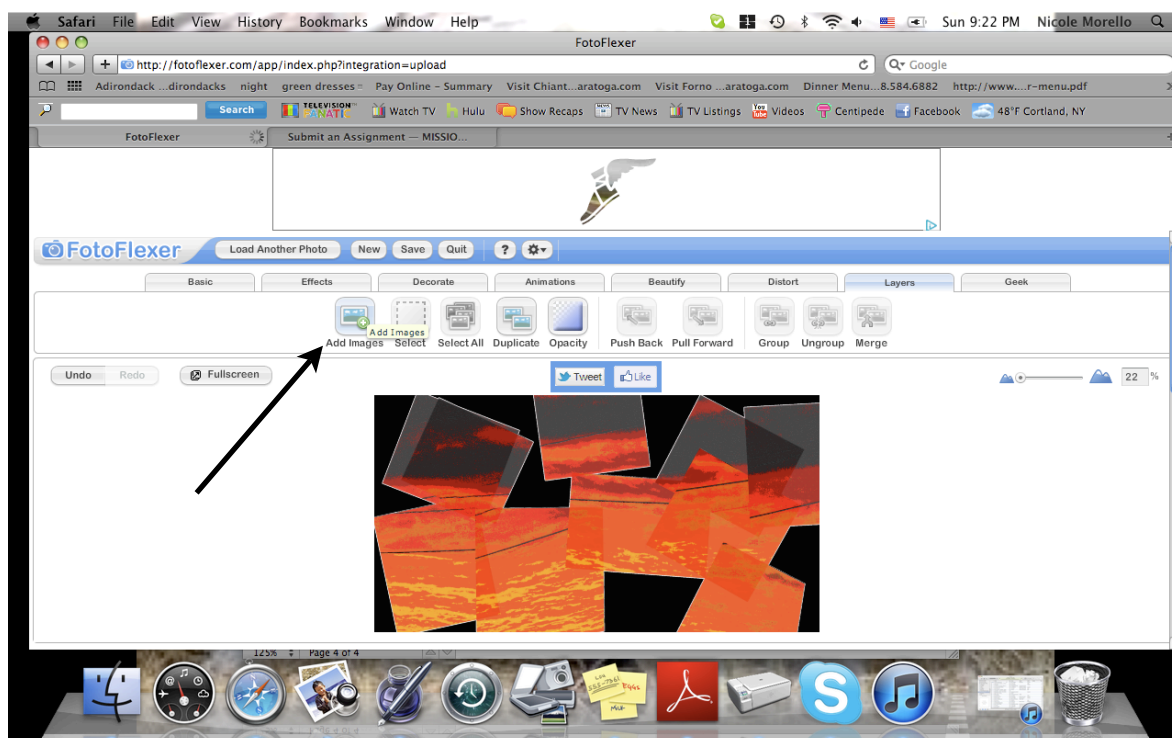


These arrows indicate the variations that you can have with the size of each box, the brightness, and the rotation of them.

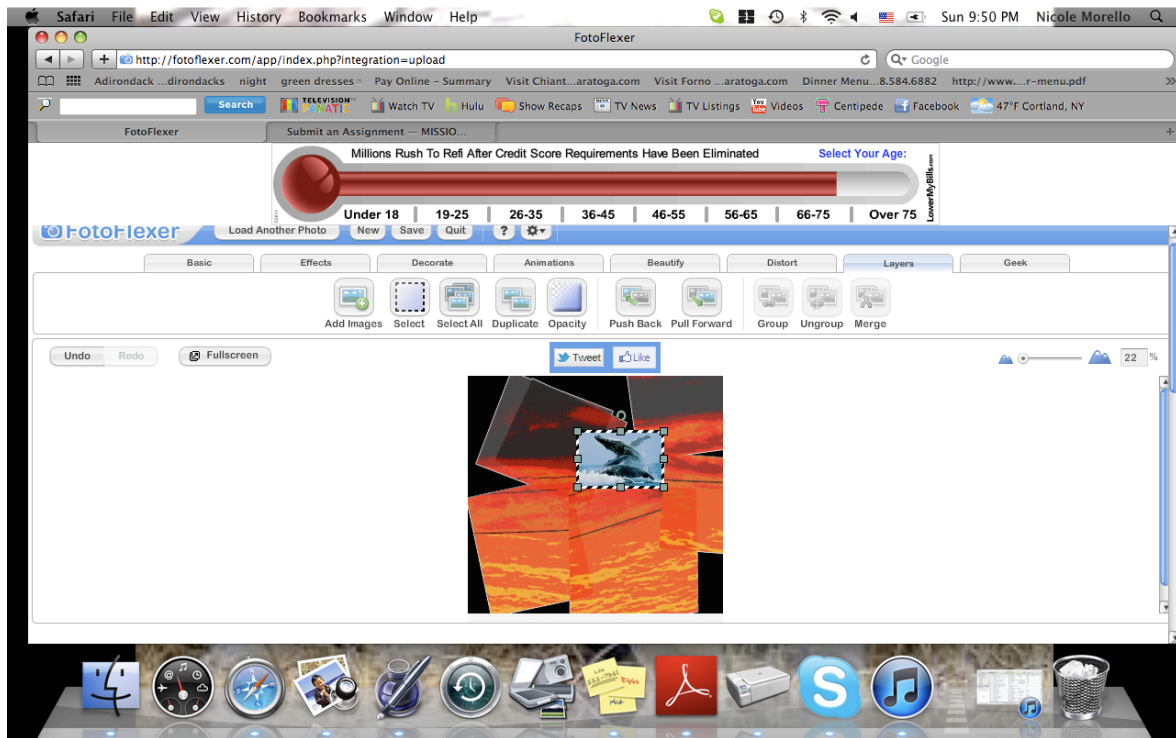
9. After I have this image saved. I wanted to have my image “Painted.” So I hit that effect and waited for it to load. I felt this created a more inviting image.



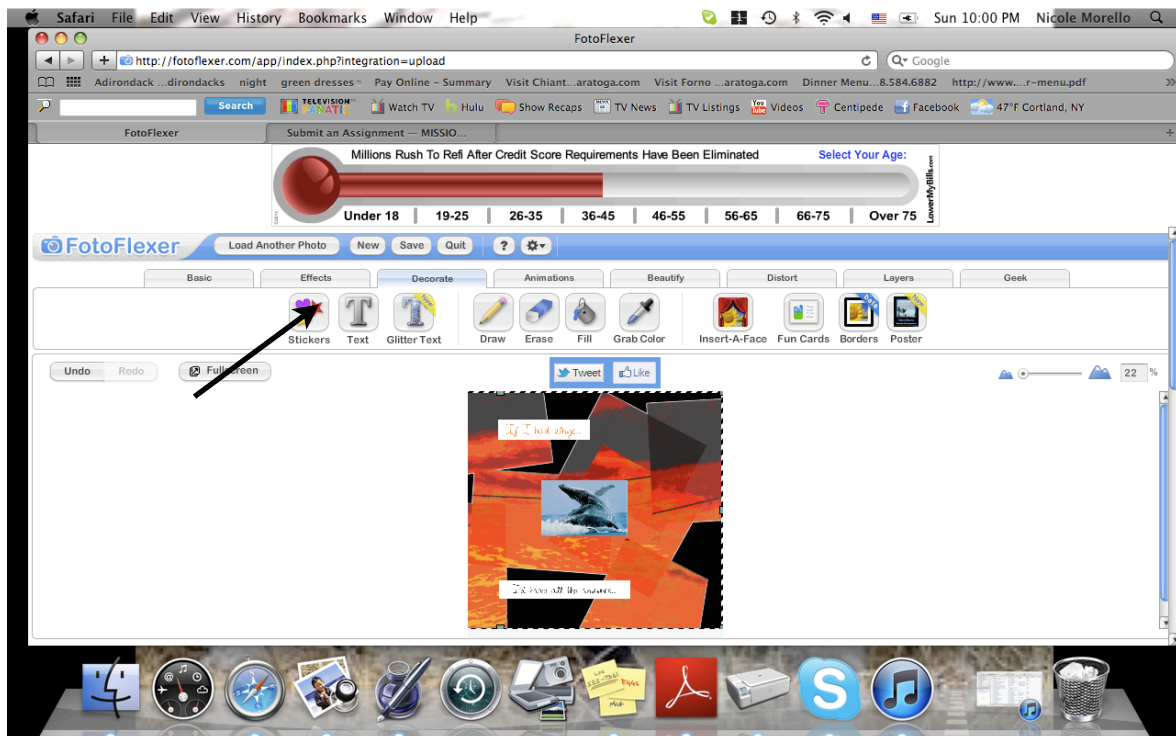
10. Now that the sky of my picture is broken up, I wanted to add more images to this to show what this song meant for me. I go to the “Layers” tab and hit “add image.”



11. After the image finished downloading, it will appear in the center of the background image. You can play with the size and the placement of this inserted image as you see fit.



12. After I have the image in place, I wanted to add a few lines from the lyrics to enhance the tone. You do this by going to the “Decorate” tab and hitting “text.”



13. I now have the image that I want. For me, this is part of what I see when I hear the song. Try to do this with your favorite song. Please include the lyrics!